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SUBJECT: VISIT OF U.S. WHITE AMUR SPECIALISTS TO USSR

REQUEST AMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO MISS ANNE
DARBYSHIRE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

1. DEAR ANNE: DR. GEORGE ALLEN, PROFESSOR, ENTOMOLOGY
AND NEMATOLOGY DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA HAS
REQUESTED SOVIET SIDE EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF VISIT IN
AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR BY THREE NOT REPEAT
NOT TWO U.S. FISH EXPERTS INTERESTED IN THE ECOLOGY OF THE
WHITE AMUR "CTENOPHARYNGODON IDELLUS" (UNDERLINED).

2. DR. ALLEN HAS BEEN IN PREVIOUS CONTACT ON OTHER MATTERS
WITH DR. V. K. VINOGRADOV, ALL UNION INSTITUTE OF INTERNAL
RESERVOIRS, MOSCOW AND WITH DR. N. S. STROGRANOV, DEPART-
MENT OF HYDROBIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF MOSCOW. VISIT BY U.S.
WHITE AMUR SPECIALISTS SHOULD, IF POSSIBLE, INCLUDE VISITS
WITH THESE SCIENTISTS AND ALSO A MEETING WITH DR. BAUER,
ZOOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, LENINGRAD.

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3. DR. V. K. VINOGRADOV CAN ASSIST IN SETTING UP ITINERARY FOR U.S. SCIENTISTS AND CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH VNIRO, VERKHNAYA KRASNOSEL'SKAYA 17, MOSCOW.

4. AM SENDING YOU BY POUCH A PROPOSED LIST OF STUDY AREAS OF INTEREST TO U.S. SPECIALISTS. U.S. REQUESTS THAT SOVIET SIDE SET UP ITINERARY COVERING AS MANY OF THESE AREAS AS POSSIBLE. PRIMARY INTEREST TO U.S. SIDE IS WHITE AMUR NATURAL SPAWNING, PREDATION AND DISEASES AND BREEDING PROGRAMS. IF POSSIBLE, U.S. SCIENTISTS WOULD LIKE TO EXAMINE NATURAL HABITAT OF WHITE AMUR, I.E. AMUR REGION.

5. REQUEST CONFIRMATION SOONEST AS TO FEASIBILITY OF VISIT.

6. IF TRIP TO AMUR REGION IMPOSSIBLE, U.S. SPECIALISTS WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE SPAWNING SITES IN MOSCOW-LENINGRAD AREA.

7. U.S. SIDE REQUESTS A TRAVEL ITINERARY TO BE SET UP FOR 4 TO 6 WEEKS. SHOULD THIS PROVE DIFFICULT, 2 TO 3 WEEK TRIP IS ACCEPTABLE.

8. THREE U.S. SPECIALISTS ARE ALL PRIVATE CITIZENS TRAVELLING ON FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

9. EXPECT SOVIET SIDE TO ARRANGE ITINERARY AND NECESSARY INTERNAL AIR AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

10. WHITE AMUR IS CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED FOR RELEASE INTO FLORIDA WATERS FOR PURPOSES OF AQUATIC WEED CONTROL. STATE OF FLORIDA WISHES TO LEARN AS MUCH ABOUT BIOLOGY OF SPECIES AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO PROCEEDING WITH INTRODUCTION. SINCELY RAISA SCRIBABINE, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE. KISSINGER

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